

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicants : Peter Dunlop, Kevin Ashurst  
Title : BANKNOTE VALIDATOR  
Docket No. : INN 0004 NA

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS**

(A version of these amendments with markings to show the changes is attached to this paper as a separate appendix).

IN THE ABSTRACT

At page 27, lines 17-21, please replace the third paragraph with the following corrected paragraph:

The optical sensor (305,306) comprises a trapezoidal light guide (34, 104), a broadband light source (350) for illuminating a banknote via the light guide (34, 104) and sensors (351, 352, 353) for detecting light reflected from the banknote via the light guide (34, 104). Filters (354, 355, 356) are arranged in front of the sensors (351, 352, 353). The light guide (34,104) is inclined relative to the banknote path (6).